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For: **Mutations in the BRCA1 Gene**)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-66 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claims 67-84 as follows:

67. An isolated oligonucleotide that specifically hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule encoding a mutant BRCA1 protein comprising a non-sense mutation selected from Table 3, wherein the mutation results in an in-frame stop codon.

68. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 67, wherein the non-sense mutation is at any nucleotide position corresponding to positions 127 to 5,708 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

69. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 68, wherein the non-sense mutation is a thymidine substitution for cytosine at a nucleotide position corresponding to position 4,446 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

70. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 69 comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10.

71. An isolated oligonucleotide that specifically hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule encoding a mutant BRCA1 protein comprising a single nucleotide deletion selected from Table 4, wherein the deletion results in an in-frame stop codon.

72. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 71, wherein the single nucleotide deletion is at any nucleotide position corresponding to positions 183 to 5,681 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

73. An isolated oligonucleotide that specifically hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule encoding a mutant BRCA1 protein comprising a double nucleotide deletion selected from Table 5, wherein the deletion results in an in-frame stop codon.

74. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 73, wherein the double nucleotide deletion is at any nucleotide position corresponding to positions 141 to 5,708 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

75. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 74, wherein the double nucleotide deletion is at a position corresponding to position 185 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

76. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 75 comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

77. An isolated oligonucleotide that specifically hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule encoding a mutant BRCA1 protein comprising a single nucleotide insertion selected from Table 6, wherein the insertion results in an in-frame stop codon.

78. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 77, wherein the single nucleotide insertion is at any nucleotide position corresponding to positions 144 to 5,708 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

79. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 78, wherein the single nucleotide insertion is at a position corresponding to position 1,136 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

80. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 79 comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

81. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 78, wherein the single nucleotide insertion is at a position corresponding to position 5,383 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

82. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 81 comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8.

83. An isolated oligonucleotide that specifically hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule encoding a mutant BRCA1 protein comprising a double nucleotide insertion selected from Table 7, wherein the insertion results in an in-frame stop codon.

84. An isolated oligonucleotide of claim 83, wherein the double nucleotide insertion is at any nucleotide position corresponding to positions 123 to 5,093 of SEQ ID NO: 1.

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REMARKS


Written description support for the substitute claims can be throughout the specification and original claims and as set forth in the following table.

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